



# ROCK CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

It has been an exciting first three weeks of school. Students have quickly settled into their classrooms and we are all looking forward to making this a fantastic school year.

We enjoyed seeing many of our parents and students at our "Welcome Back to School" pancake breakfast on the first Friday. It was a great way to kick off the school year; a big thank you to all of our community support for making this a great success.

Please remember to check out our school website for newsletters and special dates.

It's going to be a great school year! Go Tigers!  
 Sincerely,  
*Eileen Jubinville*

thumb is, (a) for school items, please make cheques payable to "SD68", (b) for PAC items, please make the cheques payable to "Rock City PAC". Thanks in advance.

## Important Dates

Pro-D (Students Don't Attend)	Sept. 30
Thanksgiving (Holiday)	Oct. 10
Great Canadian Shakeout	Oct. 20
Pro-D (Students Don't Attend)	Oct. 21
Photo Retakes	Oct. 25
Cross-Country Zone Meet	Oct. 27
Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov. 10
Remembrance Day (Stat)	Nov. 11
Winter Concert	Dec. 8
Last Day Before Winter Holidays	Dec. 23
School Re-Opens	Jan. 9

## Orange Shirt Day



Students at Rock City celebrated Orange Shirt Day by wearing orange t-shirts. Every Child Matters remembers the experiences of former students of Indian Residential Schools.

## Terry Fox Run

On Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, we hosted our annual Terry Fox run starting with an all-school get-together in the gymnasium at 12:45 PM. Students brought "Twoonies for Terry" to help keep Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope alive.



Intermediate students ran a designated route off school grounds and the primary students ran on the field.

## Parent-Teacher Interviews



### Parent/Teacher Conferences

It was wonderful to see many of you out for our Open House/Meet the Teacher Night on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Oct. 17-20. As in the years past, students will be dismissed one hour early. This is an opportunity to meet with teachers to get an early snapshot on how your child is progressing so far.

## Allergies (Nut & Scent Sensitive School)



A reminder that we have significant nut allergies and scent sensitivities at Rock

City. Please help us keep Rock City a healthy place for all learners by not sending food items that contain nuts and by trying to use scent free personal products on both students and adults.

## School Cheques

During the school year, families may be asked to pay for things for the school (supplies, planners, fieldtrips, etc.) and things for PAC (spirit wear, hot lunches, etc.). The school will try to make it clear who to make cheques out to. A quick rule of

## Parent Volunteers & Drivers

In our district's ongoing efforts to ensure student safety, there is a new protocol that requires all parent volunteers and parent drivers to have a criminal check completed before they volunteer at the school or drive for school events.

We ask that parents who know they may volunteer to drive for classroom fieldtrips or school sports teams to complete this process as soon as possible. Thanks for volunteering.

## Dress Code



It is expected students will dress in a manner that is appropriate and conducive to a positive and safe learning environment. Appropriate dress is safe; is free of any reference to alcohol, drugs, gangs, hate, obscenity, profanity, discrimination, sex and/or violence; is not disturbing or distracting to others within the school setting. Clothing should appropriately cover the body from the shoulder to the mid-thigh. Students who wear inappropriate clothing will be asked to change into acceptable attire, which may require being sent home. In this case, parents will be contacted.

## Parking Lot Safety



Please be aware that there is a parking lot at the back of the school (off Fairway Crescent). If possible, please use that area to help to alleviate the congestion in the main parking lot at the front of the school.

We also ask that parents try to avoid dropping students off in front of the handicap parking spots so that these remain available for those who need them.

## Campbell Soup Labels

One of our very helpful Rock City parents, Mrs. Doyle, helps us collect Campbell Soup labels which are part of school rewards program - the school may order a variety of items (equipment, signs, and instruments) based on the number of labels we collect.

The labels just need to be folded in half and dropped off at the office. Thanks.

## Telephone Messages

Please try to use the planners for messages and reminders of dentist, doctor appointments and after school arrangements for your children.

If there is a change and we receive a call in the office, we will page the students come down to the office before lunch recess or at the end of the day to inform them.

There is a phone in the front foyer for students to contact parents - however, we ask students to make play dates prior to coming to school in the morning.

## Absences/Lates

Please phone the office by 8:30am if you know your child will be absent or late.



## Email Addresses for Mail Outs

We would still like to see all of our families on our Rock City electronic mail out list in our ongoing efforts to become more paper-friendly.

In aligning with last year's new email privacy legislation, we need parents to give our school permission to email them things such as our school newsletter which may contain cost items such as school photos.

Our school newsletter will be emailed on the last Thursday of the month to all families who have opted in. Upcoming Dates are sent out weekly on Fridays.

If you receive this newsletter electronically, you are successfully on our email list. If you don't receive an electronic copy, **Please visit our website and subscribe** 😊

<http://rc.schools.sd68.bc.ca>

**IMPORTANT:** When you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email with a link that you need to [click to complete](#) your subscription.

### Subscribe to our Newsletter

Because of the new Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation, we require parents' consent to send you our school newsletter via email.



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## BC Fruits and Vegetable Program

The BC Schools Fruit & Vegetable Program continues again this year serving up fresh and ready to eat. All the fruit and vegetables provided are BC grown and our students learn the healthy benefits of fruits and vegetables and types of produce grown in BC.



## Support our Library



Indigo love of reading foundation

## Adopt a School

Join us and our literacy team in making a difference in the lives of our children here at Rock City Elementary School by supporting us in the Indigo Adopt a School program. Please visit [adoptaschool.indigo.ca](http://adoptaschool.indigo.ca) before **October 9, 2016** to show your support for our library!

## Student Verification Forms

The student verification forms were sent home. Please remember to return yours. It is **very important** that parents fill out both sheets completely and accurately and return them back to school as soon as possible.